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In re Application of:	)	
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Masanobu ASAOKA, et al.	)	
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Application No.: 09/944,071	)	
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For: RECORDING MEDIUM, IMAGE-	)	
FORMING METHOD USING THE	:	
SAME AND METHOD OF	)	
MANUFACTURING SUCH	:	April 21, 2004
RECORDING MEDIUM	)	

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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. A European Search Report, dated March 12, 2004, that cites the listed documents is also enclosed for the Examiner's reference

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

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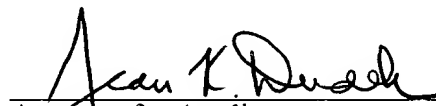
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### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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